

# FOREST SPOTLIGHT

Pacific Northwest Region – Malheur NF

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## *Please be Fire Safe this Independence Day*

**JOHN DAY, OREGON** – Have fun and be safe celebrating America's freedom on your National Forest. Please remember fireworks and forests do not mix.

Whether you're planning to spend the weekend camping at your favorite campground or enjoying back-country trails or scenic drives, one message remains consistent: PLEASE LEAVE YOUR FIREWORKS AT HOME.

### **Campfire Safety**

Forest officials recommend the following campfire safety precautions:

- Always abide by local campfire laws.
- Only adults should build and maintain campfires.
- Find a shady spot away from dry logs, branches, bushes, needles, or leaves.
- Make sure there are no overhanging tree branches near the fire.
- Use existing fire-rings where it is safe to do so. Don't build fire-rings in roads.
- Keep campfire rings small and use wood no bigger than the ring.
- Keep tents and other burnable materials away from the fire.
- Never leave a campfire unattended. Those leaving campfires unattended can be fined and billed for the cost of fire suppression.
- Drown the campfire with water and stir charred material.
- When leaving, make sure your fire is DEAD OUT. Very carefully feel all sticks and charred remains. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave. Make sure no roots are smoldering.

Find more campfire safety information at <http://www.smokeybear.com/campfire-safety.asp>.

Again, please remember fireworks are unsafe at any time on National Forests. Possession and discharge are prohibited.

### **Campgrounds**

All Campgrounds are open on the Malheur National Forest. Water is on at the following campgrounds:

- Magone Lake
- Trout Farm
- Delintment
- Falls
- Yellow Jacket
- Idlewild
- Joaquin Miller
- Strawberry
- Big Creek
- Parish Cabin



## Trails

- While recreating in the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness visitors should be prepared for snow, downed trees and debris on trails.
- The trail to Strawberry Lake is open to: Strawberry Lake, the Falls, and Little Strawberry Lake.
- Slide Creek Trail is open to Slide Falls but not quite up to Slide Lake as of now.
- East Fork Canyon Creek Trail is open; however the trail has not been logged out or maintained yet for the season.
- Head O'Boulder trailhead is reachable at this time; however the trail has not been logged out or maintained yet for the season.
- Trails will be updated as the information becomes available.
- Crane Creek Trail is logged out and open for the season.
- North Fork Trail is logged out and open for the season.

## Recreation Rentals

- Sunshine Guard Station is open year round. Cost per night: \$60.00
- Murderers Creek Guard Station is open. Cost per night: \$50.00
- Deer Creek Guard Station is open. Cost per night: \$60.00
- Fall Mountain Lookout is open. Cost per night: \$40.00
- Starting June 7<sup>th</sup>, Short Creek Guard Station. Cost per night: \$60.00
- Magone Lake Group Campground: Cost per night: \$60.00
- Covered picnic shelters: Magone Lake & Idlewild: \$25

For more information about the current status of Forest campgrounds, trails and roads for the holiday weekend please contact any Malheur National Forest offices or visit the website at:

[www.fs.usda.gov/malheur](http://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur) .

**To make reservations at any of the recreation rentals on the Malheur National Forest please visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 1-877-444-6777.**

**\*\*Note- Please use caution when driving or recreating in the backcountry and primitive areas, as you may encounter: down trees, as well, muddy or snowy roads. Please let someone know your plans including a route of travel, and estimated time of return. Also be prepared for rapidly changing weather conditions.**



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